



Newsletter 11

Friday, 28th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another action-packed week at Woodlands and this week's newsletter is a bumper edition that catches you up with all of the exciting events and news from the last two weeks.

Spotlight on the Curriculum: History – Y5 Visit to the WW1 Tank Museum

Year 5 visited the Tank Museum at Bovington Down last week. They had the chance to go inside a WW1 Tank and experience life in a trench on the front line. The Museum tour guides were very impressed with their behaviour and their knowledge of World War One. Well done Beech Class.



Attendance

Congratulations to our four winners of the November Attendance Duck Race! Deon, Poppy, Jordan and Elliott were the lucky winners! These children, who have all been in school every day throughout November, have each won a £10 gift voucher as a reward for their fantastic commitment. Well done to all of the 77 children who had maximum attendance in November and qualified for today's race. We will be running another Duck Race for all children with maximum attendance in December.

Class Attendance Cup – every week we have a competition that celebrates the class with the highest attendance. This week **Cedar Class** are the weekly winners with a **good attendance of 98.2%**. **Hazel and Beech** are tied at the top of the league with **24 points each**.

The Attendance Cup – Wk 3

Data from 20/11/25 to 26/11/25

1. Cedar 98.2%
2. Beech 94.1%
3. Hazel 93.6%
4. Acorn
5. Maple
6. Ash
7. Willow

Term 2 - Week 4 - League Table			Pts
1	Hazel		24
	Beech		24
3	Willow		16
	Cedar		16
5	Maple		15
6	Acorn		11
7	Ash		6



Spotlight on the Curriculum: PHSE – Year 5 Mini-Police Swearing in Ceremony

Last week the children in Beech Class received their new Mini-Police uniforms and read out a special pledge. Over the next 12 months they will take part in a variety of exciting activities including:

- Using a traffic speed gun;
- Using Police drones
- Investigating a crime scene.



Christmas Book at Bedtime – Wednesday 3rd December - 4.25 drop off - 5.00pm collect (Reception to Year 5 – not for Y6 as they will be attending the Carol Concert at Sarum Academy)

Children are invited to join their teachers for a special Book at Bedtime evening on Wednesday 3rd December.

Children can come back to school in their pyjamas to enjoy a selection of festive stories.

Children should arrive at School at 4.25pm, ready for a 4.30pm start.

Children to be collected at 5.00pm.

Children will not be allowed to walk home without an adult.

Parents/carers are welcome to stay and wait in the School Hall.



Woodlands Instagram Account

Our school Instagram page is now up and running. If you haven't yet, please search Woodlands Primary or click on the QCR code below and follow us to stay up to date with all the wonderful things happening in school.



Breakfast Club

All sessions run from 7.15am to 8.40am. All the children who have attended have enjoyed a healthy breakfast and a variety of exciting activities. Spaces are still available for next week so please book as soon as possible to secure a place for your child(ren). Many thanks to Mrs Giles and Mrs Upshall for making sure the children have great fun!

As well as the normal activities on offer during Breakfast Club sessions Mrs Giles and Mrs Upshall have been planning some extra special activities that will take place during the Autumn Term. ***It is important to note that some of the activities require us to buy ingredients and materials in advance so pre-booking is essential to ensure that your child will be able to take part.***

After-School Club

Sessions run from 3.00pm to 5.15pm (Mon-Thurs). Many thanks to Mrs Stokes, Mrs Collis and Mrs Swindlehurst for organising a range of exciting activities. **Please make sure you book in advance so that we can make sure all of the sessions are staffed, if we have no bookings the day before a session, we do not run the club!**

New YR (Reception) Woodlands Primary School Places for September 2026

If you have a child who is due to start ***primary school*** in September 2026, you must apply for a place by **January 15th 2026**.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you would like support with your application as it is best to avoid late applications.

Please ring the Woodlands Primary office (01722) 335849 and speak to Mrs Williams to book a tour of the school.

For Primary places apply via the Parent Portal on the Wiltshire Council website.

Today, **Yellow House** won the trophy for achieving the most Team Points with a very high score of 20 and they enjoyed an extra playtime this morning. Very well done.

	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue
Y1	2	3	1	4
Y2	2	4	2	1
Y3	1	4	2	3
Y4	1	3	4	3
Y5	4	3	1	2
Y6	4	3	1	2
	14	20	11	15



Spotlight on the Curriculum – Design Technology – Phunky Foods

On Monday, our Year 6 children had a fantastic time cooking a delicious three-course meal with Laura from Phunky Foods! The session was hands-on, fun, and full of learning as the children practised key kitchen skills, explored healthy ingredients, and worked together to prepare each course. They were so proud of what they created—and even more excited to taste it! A huge thank-you to Laura for inspiring our pupils with her enthusiasm and expertise.





Headteachers' Awards

Today, we celebrated: **Susan and Peyton** (FS2); **Aida-Mai and Alfie H** (Y1); **Jaxxon and Zara** (Y2); **Cameron and Samir** (Y3); **Nawa and Kiara** (Y4); **Zoya and Evie M** (Y5); **Lacey and James** (Y6).

This week the awards are for **respect** and producing **excellent work**. Huge congratulations to these children who have shown themselves to be great role-models.

Safeguarding – Online Safety

As part of our commitment to help you keep your child(ren) safe online please look under the Safeguarding tab in our Online Safety section - <https://woodlands.wilts.sch.uk/safeguarding/online-safety/>. Please click here for the latest **Online Safety Newsletter – October 2025** -> [Woodlands Primary School and Oak Tree Nursery](#). The October issue looks at a variety of topics including You Tube Safety Controls, the risks involved when using Artificial Intelligence and the dangers of children using WhatsApp.

Dates for the Diary

Christmas Book at Bedtime – Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5. <i>Not for Y6 as they will be attending the Carol Concert</i>	Wednesday 3 rd December	4.30pm-5.00pm
Y6 to Sarum Academy for a Carol Concert	Wednesday 3 rd December	Please refer to the letter that has been sent out
Y5 & Y6 Choir to St Thomas' Church for the Christmas Tree Festival	Friday 5 th December	am
Acorn Class (Reception) Christmas Concert for parents	Tuesday 9 th December	2.00pm
Key Stage 1 Nativity – Ash Class (Y1) Parents	Wednesday 10 th December	2.00pm
Christmas Jumper Day – all pupils	Thursday 11 th December	All day –bring a bottle for the bottle stall
Key Stage 1 Nativity – Cedar Class (Y2) Parents	Thursday 11 th December	2.00pm
Christmas Discos Acorn Class & Key Stage 1 Key Stage 2	Friday 12 th December	5.00pm-6.00pm (Acorn & KS1 – Y1 & Y2) 6.00pm-7.00pm (KS2 – Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6)
Woodlands Christmas Market	Monday 15 th December	3.00pm – 3.45pm on the school playground – We still need helpers!
Christmas Parties – <i>children can wear a Christmas jumper on this day</i>	Tuesday 16th December (this has moved from the Weds to avoid a clash with the Christmas dinner)	Pm – No school lunches food to be provided
School Christmas Dinner – <i>children can wear a Christmas jumper on this day</i>	Wednesday 17 th December	
Final day of Term 2	Thursday 18 th December	1.00pm finish time
TD Day	Friday 19 th December	School Closed to all pupils
First Day of Term 3	Monday 5 th January	8.50am (<i>usual start time</i>) Gates open 8.40am

Kind regards,

M Kitley

Matthew Kitley
Headteacher



Woodlands Birthdays

On your birthday:

- Wear your own clothes to school.
- Visit Mr Kitley to collect your birthday treat.
- Sit on the Birthday Bench during Headteacher's Awards.



What if my birthday is at the weekend?

- We will celebrate your birthday on the Friday BEFORE your birthday.
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What if my birthday is in the holidays?

- We will celebrate your birthday on the last day of term before the holidays.





After School Club

We are proud to be able to offer additional wrap around care for your child/ren. Woodlands now has an exciting After School Club that is run by members of our fantastic Teaching Assistant Team.

Our after school club has a wide variety of activities, including:

- Movie and popcorn
- Card and board games
- Arts and crafts
- Bracelet making
- Slime creations
- Baking fun
- Outdoor activities (weather permitting)
- Themed afternoons
- ... And much more!

Currently available Monday to Thursday

Session 1 - 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Session 2 - 4:00 pm - 5:15pm

Snacks provided at every session.




Breakfast Club

Welcome to the Woodlands Breakfast Club!

Come and join us for a **delicious, healthy breakfast** and lots of **fun activities**.

Available from 7:15am Monday to Friday for children in **Year R to Year 6**.

Please enquire in the school office for more information.

